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to be easily granted. The fear entertained by the department was that, if passes were freely granted, there was the chance of the applicants under cover of them stealing timber from the adjoining Sirkar lands. It was hard that the applicants should be made to suffer on that account. A large protective staff was being maintained by the department and they should be asked to carefully guard the forests against such fraudulent acts. Even when a pass was finally granted, the time for removal prescribed therein was invariably found to be short and insufficient. He therefore requested that such effective orders be issued as would remove the evils complained of.

Another hardship was in the matter of obtaining green manure from the Government forests. The stock of green manure in the private lands had all been mostly used up and the agriculturists had at present to resort to the distant Sirkar forests for the purpose. By G. O. No, 1907/S. R., dated the 16th April 1911, the ryots of the Thovala taluk were permitted, tentatively for two years, to remove green manure from the Government forests on payment of a duty of 4 annas per cart-load. The Member requested that, in the interests of agriculture in South Travancore, a similar arrangement should be made for the ryots of the other taluks in the division. He also said that the poor agriculturist felt the fee of four annas per cart-load as a heavy burden, which, along with the other disadvantages he was labouring under, he could not possibly bear. He therefore requested that the fee might be abolished altogether and the free removal of green manure from the Government forests permitted.

Dewan's reply.—The attention of the Conservator of Forests will be drawn to the Member's further representations.

18. The desirability of permitting green manure and timber for agricultural purposes to be collected from reserved forests.

Mr. Kanna Kunjan (Member, Nominated) said that, with the reservation of the Neriamangalam and other forests close to the Moovattupuzha taluk, the ryots of the taluk were undergoing very great hardships, as they could not freely remove green manure and slender branches of trees, otherwise not of much use to the Government, from them, for their agricultural purposes. The people were poor and subsisted mainly on cultivation. The Member therefore prayed that the Government might be pleased to permit the ryots to remove green manure and timber for agricultural purposes free of payment from the adjoining forests.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

19. Payment of Kudivila to the owners of teak and blackwood trees standing on private lands.

Mr. Kanna Kunjan (Member, Nominated) said that much loss was incurred both by the people and the Government by leaving uncared for the teak, blackwood and other Royal trees cut and removed from private holdings. He therefore prayed that the people might be given, before removal, half the estimated value of such trees either in money or in timber, or that the Government might accept half the value and leave the trees to the charge of the people.

Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai (Member, Minachil taluk) said that the present policy of the Government allowing only one-fourth of the value of the teak trees standing on

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